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FOREST SERVICE TO IMPLEMENT SPRING PRESCRIBED BURN

Provo, Utah, April 19, 2010 - Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest personnel plan to conduct a prescribed burn in the Monks Hollow/Brimhall area April 20 for approximately four to five days, if weather conditions allow. The project area is located in Diamond Fork Canyon and encompasses 4800 acres. The burn unit will include 2473 acres.

The method used for these projects is called "prescribed burning" because the area will only be burned when certain pre-planned conditions exist. Air temperature, relative humidity, fuel moisture, and wind speed and direction are some of the requirements that must be met before burning begins. Prescribed burns will be ignited when fuel moistures and weather forecasts allow for good smoke dispersal away from population centers.

Vegetation to be treated in the designated areas will include primarily aspen, Gambel oak, and spruce. Qualified fire personnel will use hand crews and helicopters to ignite fires in designated areas to create a mosaic effect. Benefits of the project include improved wildlife habitat and regeneration of vegetation, and reduction of hazardous fuels.

Roads and trails accessing the project will be temporarily closed during the project to protect firefighters and the public. Smoke seen in nearby areas will be within the State's clean air standards.

For additional information contact the Spanish Fork Ranger District, 801-798-3571, or

<http://fs.usda.gov/uwcnf>.

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